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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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SUBJECT: NIMEIRI'S FIRESIDE CHAT

1. ASSUME ADDRESSEES HAVE RECEIVED VIA FBS FULL TEXT OF
NIMEIRI'S AUGUST 15 FIRESIDE CHAT.

2. HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED:

A) DETAILED REJUSTIFICATION OF GENERAL AMNESTY. REFUTATION
OF RUMORS CLAIMING AMNESTY WAS EXTENDED BECAUSE OF OUTSIDE
PRESSURES AND THAT CERTAIN AMNESTEEES WERE PROMISED HIGH
POSITIONS. WARNING THAT RETURNING AMNESTEEES WILL BE HELD
TO THEIR OATH TO RESPECT THE CONSTITUTION AND PUNISHED IF
THEY VIOLATE THE OATH.

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B) DETAILED JUSTIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES OF SUDAN
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND EMPHASIS OF NEED FOR PRIVATE
SECTOR IN COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT.

C) ATTACK ON LIBYA AND ETHIOPIA AS TOOLS OF SOVIET UNION.

D) ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
MUHAMMED AL-BAGHIR AHMED AND HIS REPLACEMENT SSU SEC GEN
ABUL GASSIM IBRAHIM.

3. COMMENT: NEEDLESS TO SAY IT IS LAST DEVELOPMENT THAT HAS MOST TONGUES WAGGING HERE. MUHAMMED AL-BAGHIR HAS BEEN IN POOR HEALTH FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD. BRITISH AMBASSADOR SAYS HE HAS SERIOUS KIDNEY AND CIRCULATORY PROBLEMS. (AL-BAGHIR HAS PERIODICALLY GONE TO LONDON FOR TREATMENT.) HE HAS LONG EXPRESSED DESIRE TO RETIRE TO HIS BLUE NILE FARM. WHAT CONFOUNDS RUMOR MILLS, HOWEVER, IS ELEVATION OF ABUL GASSIM TO THE SECOND HIGHEST ROLE IN THE REPUBLIC. PREVIOUS STORIES HAVE TOLD OF HIS OPPOSITION TO AMNESTY AND SUBSEQUENT ESTRANGEMENT FROM NIMEIRI. JUST LAST WEEK LOCAL PRESS CARRIED CARTOONS ALLUDING TO ABUL GASSIM'S DRINKING PROBLEM AND POINTING OUT HIS SHORTCOMINGS AS GOVERNOR OF KHARTOUM. NIMEIRI SEEMS ALWAYS GOOD FOR A SURPRISE OR TWO. BUT HE GIVES EVERY SIGN OF ACTING DELIBERATELY AND ON A BASIS OF FULL SELF-CONFIDENCE AND SERENITY.
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